

ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a latent image carrier provided with a structure in which noise generation can be prevented and an opposing gap between a charging device and the latent image carrier is prevented from being altered as well, whereby change in charging property is not generated and the formation of an abnormal image can be prevented in the case where a thin cylindrical body is employed as the latent image carrier. The latent image carrier is capable of forming an electrostatic latent image which corresponds to an image by means of optical writing after which a photosensitive layer has been uniformly charged. The latent image carrier is characterized in that the latent image carrier is formed of a thin cylindrical body and deformation preventing member is disposed in an interior portion thereof along the circumferential and axial directions.